

# **CITY/SCHOOL CITIZENS TECHNICAL ADVISORY TASK FORCE/BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Minutes of Meeting on Wednesday, December 1, 2004**

**1. Call to Order. Dr. Canole called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m. in the Colonial Dining Room of the Newport Area Career and Technical Center. The roll call was taken by Maggie Martin (see attached).**

**2. Approval of Minutes. A motion to approve the minutes of June 2, 2004 was made for the Thompson Advisory Committee by Tom Flanagan, seconded by Jane Regan and approved unanimously. Hugo DeAscentis made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2004 meeting for the Budget Advisory Committee and Bruce Alexander seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

**3. Discussion. Dr. Canole asked Mr. Farrar to update the committee regarding the status of the Thompson project. Mr. Farrar provided some background regarding events that have occurred since the Thompson building has been occupied. He spoke about the project being a very good project and the performance by the contractor and sub-contractors was also very good. He mentioned issues that brought strain to the project, i.e., the sprinkler head and the bankruptcy of the mechanical contractor, but assured the committee that everything has been dealt with.**

**Mr. Farrar stated that he feels it is time to close out the project and approve the final payment to the general contractor. Due to the various problems, there has been a hold since April on a payment to the contractor. He discussed his tracking of the costs of the project since the beginning of the project including his use of monthly reports from Bruce Alexander to check against his cost reports. He spoke of waiting to ensure that all invoices have been processed and have gone through the system. He mentioned that at this time there are a couple of items that require a committee vote that will be addressed later in the meeting.**

**Mr. Farrar stated that the total budget for the project was \$19,035,000 and that the projected final cost (including items that are still to be approved later in the meeting) is \$18,214,547 which leaves a projected balance of \$820,453.**

**A motion was made by Ed Brady for the Thompson Advisory Committee recommending that the Newport School Committee pay \$115,837.00 to A. F. Lusi in order to close out his contract. The motion was seconded by Nick Phelan and passed unanimously. A motion was made by Hugo DeAscentis for the Budget Advisory Committee and seconded by Jim Farrar to recommend that the Newport School Committee pay \$115,837.00 to A.F. Lusi in order to close out his contract. This motion also passed unanimously.**

**Hugo DeAscentis asked for clarification regarding the finalization of**

**all aspects of the contract with A. F. Lusi. Mr. Farrar responded that there are still some issues that are outside of the contract that have not yet been settled such as an outstanding law suit. However, this payment completes all contractual aspects of the agreement with Lusi.**

**Mr. Fagan then spoke about the items brought forth in three separate memos to Mary Canole and his plans to address these problems (see attached package with backup documentation).**

**Questions were then asked by various committee members regarding the concrete and Mary Canole noted that there were several items that needed action at this time.**

**A motion was made to approve the cost of concrete replacement of \$7,201.43 by Tom Flanagan and seconded by Nick Phelan for the Thompson Advisory Committee. The motion passed unanimously. The same motion, made by Hugo DeAscentis and seconded by Jim Farrar for the Budget Advisory Committee, also passed unanimously.**

**A second motion was made to approve \$7,351.00 and \$7,451.00 for concrete replacement and \$4,696.00 for materials by Tom Flanagan and seconded by Nick Phelan for the Thompson Advisory Committee.**

**The motion passed unanimously. Hugo DeAscentis made an identical motion for the Budget Advisory Committee which was seconded by Jim Farrar and passed unanimously.**

**Mr. Flanagan raised the question about the remaining \$800,000+ and what would happen to this money. Mary Canole noted that Mr. Galvin was in the process of reviewing the original documents and language of the bond issue.**

**Mr. Gordon then stated that he wanted a final accounting of all revenues and expenses, including interest earned and that he wanted this to be reconciled by both the city and school department. He would like this final accounting to be part of the permanent record of the project.**

**Mr. DeAscentis stated that there is a need for a PA system for the library. He had obtained a quote on a portable PA system that would cost \$1,600.00.**

**A series of motions were then made as follows:**

**A motion was made by Nick Phelan and seconded by Ed Brady for the Thompson Advisory Committee that the Newport School Committee approve \$29,277.75 to fund the building issues delineated by Paul Fagan. The motion passed unanimously. A motion was made by Hugo DeAscentis and seconded by Jim Farrar for the Budget Advisory Committee that the Newport School Committee approve \$29,277.75 to fund the building issues delineated by Paul Fagan. This motion also passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made to recommend that the Newport School Committee approve \$13,600 for new concrete (\$10,000), alarms (\$2,000) and a PA system (\$1,600) by Nick Phelan and Ed Brady for the Thompson Advisory Committee and was passed unanimously. Hugo DeAscentis made a motion to recommend that the Newport School Committee approve \$13,600 for new concrete (\$10,000), alarms (\$2,000) and a PA system (\$1,600) for the Budget Advisory Committee. This motion, which was seconded by Jim Farrar also passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made for the Thompson Advisory Committee by Nick Phelan and seconded by Ed Brady that an audit take place for reconciliation of the entire project between the City of Newport and the Newport School Department and to prepare a final report for the Newport School Committee. The motion passed unanimously. The same motion was made for the Budget Advisory Committee by Hugo DeAscentis, seconded by Jim Farrar and passed unanimously.**

**A motion to recommend that the Newport School Committee seek to retain any project savings to be used for future capital improvement at Thompson Middle School was made for the Thompson Advisory Committee by Nick Phelan and seconded by Ed Brady. The motion passed unanimously. A motion was made by Hugo DeAscentis and seconded by Jim Farrar for the Budget Advisory Committee to recommend that the Newport School Committee seek to retain any**

**project savings to be used for future capital improvement at Thompson Middle School. This motion also passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by Nick Phelan on behalf of the Thompson Advisory Committee to recommend to the Newport School Committee that the Thompson Advisory Committee be disbanded. The motion was seconded by Tom Flanagan and passed unanimously.**

**A final motion was made by Hugo DeAscentis and seconded by Jim Farrar on behalf of the Budget Advisory Committee to recommend to the Newport School Committee that the Budget Advisory Committee be disbanded. The motion passed unanimously.**

**4. Adjournment. Mary Canole officially adjourned this last meeting of the TAC/BAC at 6:30 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted:**

**Maggie Martin**

**Roll Call**

**City/School Citizen's Technical Advisory Task Force/Budget Advisory Committee**

**Meeting Date: December 1, 2004**

**Time: 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

**Location: Newport Area Career and Technical Center**

**City/School/Citizen’s Technical Advisory Task Force**

**Member Name Present Late Absent**

- Bruce Alexander X**
- Anne Berman X**
- Ed Brady X**
- Mary Canole X**
- James Farrar X**
- Tom Flanagan X**
- Curt Genga X**
- Ronald MacDonald X**
- Nicholas Phelan X**
- Bob Power X**
- Jane Regan X**
- Elizabeth Sceppa X**

**Wendy Gasior**

**Or**

**Joann Pasquale**

**Budget Advisory Committee**

**Member Name Present Late Absent**

**Mary Canole X**

**Hugo DeAscentis X**

**James Farrar X**

**Jane Regan X**

**Wendy Gasior**

**Or**

**Joann Pasquale**

**Others: Paul Fagan**

**Maggie Martin, Recorder**

**Dr. William Hilton**

**Dr. Charles Shoemaker**

**Mr. David Gordon**